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- 5) Japanese government does not see much change in U.S. policy of placing importance on Japan relations if Obama elected (Nikkei)

Security and defense affairs:

- 6) Government sending survey team to Afghanistan to look into beefing up reconstruction assistance, including possible dispatch of GSDF troops (Mainichi)
- 7) Political motives overtake contents in debate over proposed standing law for dispatches of SDF overseas (Asahi)
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- 13) Gist of Prime Minister Fukuda's round table with journalists in Rome (Nikkei)
- 14) Social security issue in the Diet will reach a climax this month (Mainichi)
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- 16) Medical system for the elderly: Study shows burden grows the lower the income of the pensioner (Asahi)
- 17) Former LDP Secretary General Takebe expects Fukuda to shuffle cabinet soon after the Hokkaido Toyako Summit (Tokyo Shimbun)
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1) TOP HEADLINES

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Four opposition parties call for early abolition of healthcare system for elderly

2) EDITORIALS

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- (2) Supreme Court's decision saves out-of-wedlock children

Mainichi:

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